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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

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Claim 1 (original): A system for enabling a customer to order items from a supplier over the Internet for shipment to a client of the customer comprising:

a website operated by an administrator allowing the customer to request availability of a particular item from the supplier and to display the availability status of said particular item to the customer, said availability status including the price of said particular item;

ordering means provided on said website for allowing the customer to order said particular item; and

shipping means provided on said website for shipping said particular component ordered using said ordering means from the supplier to the client including a blink packing slip provided with the return address of the customer.

Claim 2 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 1 further including a first searching means for searching for said particular item using a complete particular item's manufacturer's reference number.

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Claim 3 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 2 further including a second searching means for searching for said particular item using a particular manufacturer's reference number.

Claim 4 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 1 further including a customer log-in means for allowing the customer to log-in at a particular point in said ordering means if the customer lost an initial connection with said website.

Claim 5 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 2 including a customer log-in means for allowing the customer to log-in at a particular point in said first searching means if the customer lost an initial connection with said website.

Claim 6 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 3 including a customer log-in means for allowing the customer to log-in at a particular point in said second searching means if the customer lost an initial connection with said website.

Claim 7 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 1 further including a negotiating means for allowing the customer to negotiate a purchase price for said particular component.

Claim 8 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 1 further including a means for tracking the status of an order placed by the customer.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A system for enabling a customer to order items from a supplier over the Internet for shipment to client of the customer comprising:

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a website operated by an administrator allowing the customer to request availability of a particular component from the supplier and to display the availability status of said particular item to the customer, said availability status including the price of said particular item;

ordering means provided on said website for allowing the customer to order said particular item; ~~and~~

bonus program means included on said website for providing an incentive to the customer for ordering from the supplier, said bonus program means including a graphical representation of a sales target total and a current sales total, said current sales total approaching said sales target total in said graphical representation as additional items are ordered; and

a shipping means provided on said website for shipping said particular item ordered using said ordering means from the supplier to the client including a blind packing slip provided with the return address of the customer.

Claim 10 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said bonus program means provides the customer with a discount when said current sales total equals or exceeds said sales target total.

Claim 11 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said graphical representation is a bar graph.

Claim 12 (canceled).

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Claim 13 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 9 further including a first searching means for said particular item using said particular item's manufacturer's reference number.

Claim 14 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 9 further including a second searching means for searching for said particular item using a partial manufacturer's reference number.

Claim 15 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 1 further including a display on said website provided with an industry certification mark for the supplier.

Claim 16 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 9 further including a display on said website provided with an industry certification mark for the supplier.

Claim 17 (original): A method for enabling a customer to order items from a supplier over the Internet for shipment to a client of the customer comprising the steps of:

providing a website having at least one screen connected to the Internet;  
requesting by the customer, the availability, and price of a particular item;  
displaying the availability and price of said particular item on one of the screens of said website;

ordering particular item; and

shipping said particular item from the supplier to the client including blind packing slip provided with the return address of the client.

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Claim 18 (original): The method in accordance with Claim 17 further including the steps of searching for the particular item using the complete particular item's manufacturer's reference number.

Claim 19 (original): The method in accordance with Claim 17 further including the step of searching for the particular item using a particular manufacturer's reference number.

Claim 20 (original): The method in accordance with Claim 17 further including the step of negotiating a purchase price for said particular item.

Claim 21 (original): The method in accordance with Claim 17 further including the step of tracking the status of the order placed in said ordering step.

Claim 22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (canceled).

Claim 24 (currently amended): A system for enabling a customer to order items from a supplier over the Internet for shipment to a client of the customer comprising:

a website operated by an administrator allowing the customer to request availability of a particular item from the supplier and to display the availability status of said particular item to the customer, said availability status including the price of said particular item;

ordering means provided on said website for allowing the customer to order said particular item; ~~and~~

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processing means associated with said website operating on a real-time basis for reserving said particular item for the customer, thereby preventing a second customer from ordering said particular item when the inventory of said particular item has been completely depleted; and

including shipping means provided on said website for shipping said particular items ordered using said ordering means from the supplier to the client including a blind packing slip provided with the return address of the customer.

Claim 25 (canceled).

Claim 26 (currently amended): The system in accordance with Claim ~~25~~22 further including a first searching means for searching for said particular item on a real-time basis using a complete particular item's manufacturer's reference number.

Claim 27 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 26 further including a second searching means for searching for said particular item on a real-time basis using a particular manufacturer's reference number.

Claim 28 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 24 further including a customer log-in means for allowing the customer to log-in at a particular point in said ordering means if the customer lost an initial connection with said website.

Claim 29 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 26 including a customer log-in means for allowing the customer to log-in at a particular point in said first searching means if the customer lost an initial connection with said website.

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Claim 30 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 27 including a customer log-in means for allowing the customer to log-in at a particular point in said second searching means if the customer lost an initial connection with said website.

Claim 31 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 24 further including a negotiating means for allowing the customer to negotiate a purchase price for said particular item.

Claim 32 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 24 further including a means for tracking the status of an order placed by the customer.

Claim 33 (currently amended): A system for enabling a customer to order items from a supplier over the Internet for shipment to client of the customer comprising:

a website operated by an administrator allowing the customer to request availability of a particular item from the supplier and to display the availability status of said particular item to the customer, said availability status including the price of said particular item;

ordering means provided on said website for allowing the customer to said particular item;

processing means associated with said website operating on a real-time basis for reserving said particular item for the customer, thereby preventing a second customer from ordering said particular item when the inventory of said particular item has been completely depleted; ~~and~~

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bonus program means including a graphical representation of a sales target total and a current sales total, said current sales total approaching said sales target total in said graphical representation as additional items are ordered; and

including a shipping means provided on said website for shipping said particular item ordered using said ordering means from the supplier to the client including a blind packing slip provided with the return address of the customer.

Claim 34 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 33 wherein said bonus program means provides the customer with a discount when said current sales total equals or exceeds said sales target total.

Claim 35 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 33 wherein said graphical representation is a bar graph.

Claim 36 (canceled).

Claim 37 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 33 further including a first searching means for searching for said particular item on a real-time basis using said particular item's manufacturer's reference number.

Claim 38 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 33 further including a second searching means for searching for said particular item on a real-time basis using a partial manufacturer's reference number.

Claim 39 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 24 further including a display on said website provided with an industry certification mark for the supplier.



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Claim 40 (original): The system in accordance with Claim 33 further including a display of said website provided with an industry certification mark for the supplier.

Claim 41 (currently amended): A method for enabling a customer to order items from a supplier over the Internet for shipment to a client of the customer comprising the steps of:

providing a website having at least one screen connected to the Internet;  
requesting by the customer, the availability, the price of a particular item;  
displaying the availability and price of said particular item on one of the screens of said website;

ordering particular item; ~~and~~


reserving, on a real-time basis said particular item for the customer,  
thereby preventing a second customer from ordering said particular item when the inventory of said particular item has been completely depleted; and

shipping said particular item from the supplier to the client including a blank packing slip provided with the return address of the client.

Claim 42 (canceled).

Claim 43 (original): The method in accordance with Claim 41 further including the step of searching for the particular item using the complete particular item's manufacturer's reference number.

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Claim 44 (original): The method in accordance with Claim 41 further including the step of searching for the particular item on a real-time basis using a particular manufacturer's reference number.

Claim 45 (original): The method in accordance with Claim 41 further including the step of negotiating a purchase price for said particular item.

Claim 46 (original): The method in accordance with Claim 41 further including the step of tracking the status of the order placed in said ordering step.

Claim 47 (canceled).

Claim 48 (canceled).

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